

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme/policy formulated/proposed to be formulated by the Government to harmonies cultural relations with other countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of International Cultural Festivals organized in the country during the last three years ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b) : The Department of Culture has been pursuing an active policy of bilateral cultural cooperation with other countries with the objective of renewing and strengthening cultural links and with a view to project India's cultural image abroad. These objectives are achieved through bilateral cultural agreements and cultural Exchange programmes.

At present there are 112 Cultural Agreements and 78 Cultural Exchange Programames.

(c) 1999-2000 : Nil

2000-2001 : 1. `International Puppet Festival` (October, 2000)
2. `International Ramayana Festival` (December, 2000)
3. `Festival of Germany in India` (October, 2000 - March, 2001)
4. `Days of Turtkmen Culture in India` (August, 2000)

2001-2002 : 1. `Dance and M;usic from Centrtral Asia` (September, 2001)
2. `kaleidoscope` (October, 2001)